

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the above-identified Office Action. The above listing of the claims supersedes any previous listing. Favorable reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

Claim amendments/Status

Claims 1-14 were previously cancelled and in this response, claims 15 and 16 have been cancelled and claims 16 and 19 rewritten to assume independent form. Inasmuch as claims 10-14 have been allowed and claims 17-19 have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter, it is submitted that the above-mentioned amendments are such as to place the instant application in *prima facie* condition for allowance.

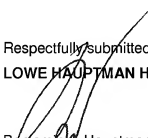
Conclusion

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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